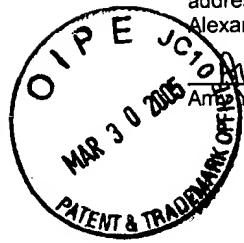


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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Official Action dated September 30, 2004, having a term that expired on December 30, 2004. A three (3)-month extension of the time for response up to and including March 30, 2005 is respectfully requested. Please charge the \$1,020.00 extension fee for a large entity to Deposit Account No. 50-0426. A Notice of Appeal is also enclosed. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows: